



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5424**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEARN  
HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-4i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016, and*  
3 *applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
5 in consultation with the Commissioner of Revenue Services and the  
6 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, [may] shall  
7 establish the Learn Here, Live Here program. Such program [may]  
8 shall provide an incentive for graduates of a public institution of  
9 higher education, private university or college, or health care training  
10 school in this state, or graduates from a technical high school, to buy a  
11 first home in the state. Persons who graduate on or after January 1,  
12 [2014] 2016, from such institutions, universities, colleges or schools  
13 may elect to become participants in said program and have their  
14 income tax liability, up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred  
15 dollars annually, segregated into the Connecticut first-time  
16 homebuyers account established pursuant to section 32-4j, provided  
17 not more than one million dollars from all [program] participants may  
18 be so segregated in any calendar year. After a period not exceeding ten  
19 years after graduation, any [amounts so] amount segregated on behalf

20 of a participant may be [withdrawn by a] used by such participant for  
21 the purchase of a first home in the state. The Commissioner of  
22 Economic and Community Development [may] shall make payments  
23 from said account, in accordance with this section, [from said fund to  
24 the] on behalf of participants. For the purposes of this section, "health  
25 care training school" means a medical or dental school, chiropractic  
26 college, school or college of optometry, school or college of chiropody  
27 or podiatry, school of occupational therapy, hospital-based  
28 occupational school, school or college of naturopathy, school of dental  
29 hygiene, school of physical therapy or any other school or institution  
30 giving instruction in the healing arts.

31 (b) (1) After a period not exceeding ten years after the date of  
32 graduation, a participant in the program established pursuant to  
33 subsection (a) of this section may apply to the Commissioner of  
34 Economic and Community Development for a payment to be issued,  
35 on behalf of such participant, and used as the down payment on a  
36 house, which [must] shall be the first house such participant [has  
37 bought] buys, either singly or jointly. Such payment may be in an  
38 amount equal to the amount of segregated funds deposited on behalf  
39 of such participant. If the payment is less than such amount, any excess  
40 amount shall be deposited in the General Fund. If no such payment is  
41 issued within such period, the entire amount of segregated funds  
42 deposited on behalf of such participant shall be deposited in the  
43 General Fund.

44 (2) If a participant ceases to live in the state at any time up to one  
45 year after [such date] the date of issuance of such payment, such  
46 participant shall repay one hundred per cent of the amount paid out. If  
47 a participant ceases to live in the state at any time up to two years after  
48 such date, such participant shall repay eighty per cent of the amount  
49 paid out. If a participant ceases to live in the state at any time up to  
50 three years after such date, such participant shall repay sixty per cent  
51 of the amount paid out. If a participant ceases to live in the state at any  
52 time up to four years after such date, such participant shall repay forty

53 per cent of the amount paid out. If a participant ceases to live in the  
54 state at any time up to five years after such date, such participant shall  
55 repay twenty per cent of the amount paid out. After five years, there  
56 [is] shall be no repayment obligation. Any amounts repaid under this  
57 subdivision shall be deposited in the General Fund.

58 (c) On or before December 1, [2012] 2016, the Commissioner of  
59 Economic and Community Development [may] shall develop, within  
60 available appropriations, a comprehensive public education program  
61 to educate recent graduates of a public institution of higher education,  
62 private university or college, or health care training school in the state,  
63 or of a technical high school, about the program established under this  
64 section for first-time home buyers. The public education program shall  
65 include, but not be limited to, information concerning life-time savings  
66 plans and information on the purchase of a home. [If the commissioner  
67 develops such public education program, the] The department shall  
68 [begin to] implement such program not later than January 1, [2014]  
69 2017.

70 Sec. 2. Section 32-4k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
71 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016, and*  
72 *applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2016*):

73 As part of the Learn Here, Live Here program established pursuant  
74 to section 32-4i, as amended by this act, for taxable years commencing  
75 on or after January 1, [2014] 2016, the Commissioner of Revenue  
76 Services shall segregate the income taxes paid by a participant in said  
77 program during a period not exceeding ten taxable years following the  
78 year of graduation. Upon the request of such participant, the  
79 commissioner shall segregate an annual amount of such tax liability,  
80 up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars per year. The  
81 total amount segregated for all program participants shall not exceed  
82 one million dollars in any calendar year. The commissioner shall  
83 deposit such segregated amounts into the Connecticut first-time  
84 homebuyers account established pursuant to section 32-4j.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2016</i>	32-4i
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2016</i>	32-4k

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